



Arlington Disability Commission Minutes

Date: Wednesday, June 15, 2022

Time: 4:00pm

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

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<https://www.mass.gov/doc/open-meeting-law-order-march-12-2020/download>

Attendees: Grace Carpenter (co-chair), Paul Raia (co-chair), Kerrie Fallon, Karen Mathiasen, Michael Rademacher (Public Works Director), Cynthia DeAngelis, Ileana Gatica Herrera

Guests: Jillian Harvey (DEI Director), Teresa Marzilli (DEI Division), Kevin Kelley (Arlington Fire Chief), Evan George (MOD), Ellen Leigh (Volunteer), Janice Cagan-Teuber (Volunteer), Darcy Devney, Cindy Steinberg, Jean Rosenberg, Jennifer Cutraro, Jessica Kaplan, Jill Ehrenzweig, Kathleen McLeod, Marion Carroll, SP, Sam Kirk, Susan Demirjian, Sarah Forster

Absent: Liza Molina, Paul Parravano (co-chair)

Meeting called to order by Harvey at 4:04 pm

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Read Ground Rules, Welcome
 - a. Welcome, remote participation.

- b. Will work through agenda after presentation and do final roll call vote at end.
- 2. Emergency Preparedness Training
 - a. Special 1-hour presentation from the Massachusetts Office on Disability (MOD) on Disability Emergency Preparedness Training, led by Evan George. Reviewed emergency preparedness checklists, situations and planning response procedures, review of materials in bags and what to do in certain situations.
 - b. Emergency Go Packs available for pick up if you registered for one at the COA front desk.
 - c. [MOD Emergency Brochure](#)
 - d. [MOD Packet 1](#)
 - e. Chief Kelley mentioned Community Connect, component to software in near future, that provides additional info to those responding to community calls.
- 3. Approve Draft May Meeting Minutes
 - a. Raia moves to approve minutes and DeAngelis seconds.
- 4. Town Day Planning
 - a. DeAngelis speaks to previous experience, commission will need a point person who is coordinating the day, need folks to volunteer to be at the table and chat with community members and share info about the commission.
 - b. 3 Commissioners can commit to be there for some portion of the time, 2 may be able to do shifts.
 - c. In meantime seek out student volunteers, Boy Scouts, consider shorter hours to make it all more manageable.
 - d. Raia motions to have the commission participate in Town Day, Fallon seconds.
- 5. Review Commission Mission Statement
 - a. Carpenter and Gatica Herrera have looked at the mission statement and brochure, updates need to be made and language needs to be changed. Carpenter will send out a doodle poll for smaller group of commissioners to meet to work on updates and include more graphics.
- 6. Updates
 - a. DEI
 - i. New employee joined DEI Division, Teresa Marzilli is the Community Outreach and Engagement Coordinator
 - ii. Equity Audit is underway, community and commission engagement will be in a few months, current focus is on data collection
 - iii. Farmers Market DeAngelis and Raia volunteered to go on the Wednesdays 7/27 and 10/5, joining members of the other DEI commissions.
 - b. Communication Boards- one is installed, and commission can help to promote it, Forster will send additional information.
 - c. Remote Participation- tabled
 - d. Transportation- tabled

- e. High School
 - i. In the auditorium balcony the first 7 rows cannot see the stage.
 - f. DPW- tabled
7. Roll Call vote for all commissions to approve May draft minutes, and participating in Town Day, one no, remaining 6 yes.

Raia moves to adjourn, Rademacher seconds, all in favor.

Next Meeting Wednesday July 20, 2022 at 4pm

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